THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Travellers requisites like locks, chains, handbags, water bottles, pankhas, surahis, etc; toiletries like shaving accessories, soap, hair oil, etc; stationery items like pencil, pen, ink, writing pads, picture album, post cards of historical places, etc; toys and curios; articles of local manufactures famous for craftsmanship, Perfumes, Combs, Mirror, Nirodh, etc.

(b) Medicines, toilet items, soaps, detergents, toothpaste, jam, squashes, thraptin Biscuits, Horlicks, Bournvita, Ayurvedic/Homeopathic medicines, cosmetic items, Nirodh, etc.

LPG agencies in Tamil Nadu

432. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG agencies in Tamil Nadu at present;

(b) the present position of supply and demand of LPG in the State;

(c) whether any request for opening of new LPG agencies in the State has been received from the state Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the agencies are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on June 30, 1995, there were 356 LPG distributorships operating in Tamil Nadu.

(b) The average demand of LPG during April-June, 1995 in Tamil Nadu was 21,826 MTs per month, which was met in full.

(c) and (d) Requests are received from time to time for opening of more LPG distributorships in different parts of the country including Tamil Nadu. On the basis of market survey, viable locations are included in the Marketing Plan in a phased manner subject to product availability. Accordingly, 50 LPG distributorships were included in the Marketing Plan 1992—94 for Tamil Nadu. Selection of distributors is already underway through the Oil Selection Board. In addition to the above, 112 LPG distributorships have been included in the Marketing Plan 1994-96 for Tamil Nadu. It generally takes 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship from the date of advertisement.

Decrease in the demand of wagons

433. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 7219 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th May, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that wagon utilisation is decreased due to improve asset utilisation; if so, how Railways will meet the freight target which is increasing;

(b) what is the figure of the requisitioned made by various sectors viz. Steel, Fertiliser, Coal, Food for wagons in 1994-95; and

(c) what is the figure of wagons supplied by Railways to the above sector requisition in 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Presumably the reference is in respect of wagon requirement. The wagon requirement depends upon the level of transport output and the level of index of wagon utilization which is net tonne kilometre per wagon day (NTKM/wagon day). There has been continuous improvement over past years in NTKM/wagon day. Looking to the present demand scenario, wagon requirement estimate has been reviewed with a view to provide adequate number of wagons to meet the growing freight traffic demand.

(b) and (c) These are core sector commodities for which annual target of loading is fixed keeping in view the sectoral requirements and accordingly programme of loading is drawn. The target and loading for 1994-95 is as under:—

Commodity	Target	Actual loading (Prov.) (1994-95)
	(In million tonnes)	
Coal	173.00	172.54
Finished Steel	12.00	12.02
Foodgrains	22.00	20.75
Fertilizer	22.00	21.31

Marketing Plan of Petroleum products in Maharashtra

434. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will he Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have forwarded Marketing Plan for 1995-96 for petroleum products, LPG and kerosene for finalisation of dealerships/sub-dealerships by public sector companies for Konkan Division and Greater Bombay including Thane district;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise, product-wise alongwith the recommendations under consideration for selection of new places for addition to market plan for current year and decision taken thereon;

(c) whether implementation of marketing plan for 1994-95 for various districts of Maharashtra has been reviewed and if so the details of performance profile by standard denomination; and

(d) what is the total number of complaints received against dealers in Maharashtra for malpractices during 1994-95 and action taken against defaulters and names of the dealers against whom investigations are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Retail Outlet Marketing Plan for 1993-96 containing 1040 proposals and LPG Marketing Plan for 1994-96 containing 1191 proposals for the whole country have been approved by Government. The number of ROs and LPG distributorships included in these Plans for Maharashtra is 100 and 133 respectively, of which 9 ROs and 13 LPG distributorships are for Thane. Marketing Plan for SKO-LDO has not been prepared.

(d) 51 complaints were established against various dealerships/distributorships for different malpractices in Maharashtra during 1994-95. Suitable action as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines was taken against the erring dealers/distributors. Investigation against one RO and three LPG distributors is in progress.

Losses incurred by DTC

435. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: (a) whether Delhi Transport Corporation is incurring loss of Rs. one lakh everyday;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to closing down DTC; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Transport Corporation has been incurring losses for quite some time past due to low fare structure, increased cost of operation, surplus staff, social burden etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not airse.

Toning up the Foreign Service to meet International Challenge

436. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state: (a) whether his attention has been drawn to a write up in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 26th June, 1995 saying "An-in-house report is gathering dust at the Ministry of External